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HAMILTON'S GLEE AND INSTRUMENTAL CLUBS.

MUSICAL CLUBS GIVE TWO SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCES

Oneonta and Endicott Audiences Greatly Pleased—New Acts Prove Popular—"Petite Vaudeville" Gets Laughs—Trip Is a Financial Success—Clubs Will Visit Rome and Utica Before Easter

The first trip of the Musical Clubs was a great success in every way. Oneonta and Endicott were shown that Hamilton's minstrels could produce as good an evening's entertainment as ever before.

The Clubs travelled to Oneonta last Friday and on that evening played to over six hundred people in the State Normal School Auditorium. The large audience was well pleased with the production and was generous in its applause. The Clubs were very hospitably entertained in Oneonta's best homes and all of the men were enthusiastic over their fine reception. Following the concert a dance was given to the Clubs in the Normal School by the Clio Club, under whose auspices the concert was held.

Big Audience at Endicott

On Saturday night the Clubs played in the auditorium of the Union-Endicott School at Endicott. Over seven hundred people crowded the auditorium to capacity. The Endicott people proved to be a very enthusiastic crowd to play to and applauded heartily, every number being very well received. The concert was in charge of Principal Crum, '06, who surely did his part to make it a success.

After the concert a dance was held at Ideal Park. The Clubs were entertained on Saturday night in Endicott and Binghamton homes.

The program this year is very well balanced and both concerts went off without a single "hitch". The Glee Club was especially well received and all of its numbers were sung with vigor and ability. The "Song of the Vikings" proved to be the most popular selection. The Instrumental Club, as a Jazz Band, made a great hit, as all of its numbers were tuneful and pleasing.

The violin solos of Leader Turner and the piano solos of R. Turner were very well executed and appealed especially to the lovers of classical music.

Leader Peters repeated his successes of last year by rendering two solos in a very pleasing and acceptable manner.

Calkins, Macey, and Martin were very successful in their act, and "Zip" Griffith as "Tuby," the choirmaster received many laughs.

Petite Vaudeville Proves Popular

The "hit" of the program was the Petite Vaudeville act put on by Peters, Paton, and Pritchett. The Italian song of Peters and Paton in costume was exceptionally well received. Pritchett's blindfold piano act was also very good and quite unique. The quartette as usual sang well and was called upon for encores again and again.

The trip from a financial standpoint was a complete success. Because of the illness of Manager Kneeland, Barron, '21, had charge of the Clubs and proved to be an efficient manager.

Two More Trips Before Easter

The Clubs have two more trips before Easter. On Thursday evening of this week they will visit Rome and on next Wednesday they will play in Utica.

The following men made the week-end trip: Peters, Turner, Ritterbush, Calkins, Kaiser, Martin, Keeler, Gorman, Thorp, and Thompson, '20; Fisk, Paton, Barron, Pritchett, Daniels, Harper, Moffat, Forshay, Holler, Parker, Keehn, Maier, Whitbeck, and Griffith, 21; Turner, Pope, Macey, and Burns, '22; Daniels, Fitch, Langtry, and Brandow, 23.

COMMENCEMENT PLAYS TO BE CHOSEN SOON

The Charlatans Will Hold Try-Outs After Easter—Pictures Taken of "The Witching Hour."

The Executive Committee of The Charlatans, which has charge of the choice of plays to be produced by the organization, is to meet in the near future to select the play or plays to be presented at Commencement. The presentation will probably be a group of one-act plays such as have been produced with success by the club in recent years. Try-outs for parts on the cast will be held immediately after the Easter vacation.

During the last week several pictures were taken of the cast of "The Witching Hour." These pictures, which will appear in the 1921 Hamiltonian, are somewhat different from those taken in previous years. Actual scenes from the play are shown with the original scenery and with the characters in costume.

DESIRES MORE ASS'T MANAGERS

Executive Council Recommends a Change in Managerships of Basketball, Hockey, and Intramural.

TWO BUDGETS INCREASED

The second meeting of the Executive Council for this year was held in Silliman Hall March 15, and a number of important matters were discussed, including increases in apportionments, changes in the basketball, hockey, and intramural departments, and a motion for an increased basketball schedule.

The following were present at the meeting: Faculty members, Dr. Wood and Dr. Saunders; alumnus member, Arthur E. Newton, '04; undergraduate members, Campbell, Cowan, and Van Kennen, '21; and the managers of various activities.

$400 More for Charlatans

Manager Seaver of The Charlatans asked for an increase in his gross apportionment, and a motion was carried to add $400, making the total $1100. On account of the extra trip to Union by the basketball team, Manager Peck of basketball asked for an increase in his apportionment. An addition of $83.00 was apportioned by the Council. Manager Wynkoop of intramural presented a tennis schedule of four games for the coming spring, two contests with Syracuse and two with Union, and the schedule was approved.

Baseball Schedule Approved

The baseball schedule of ten games was brought up by Manager Chadeayne and approval was granted.

After considerable discussion, the recommendation was made and carried that Assistant Managers be elected in Basketball, Hockey, and Intramural. This action followed after the Council had been fully convinced of the need for assistant managers in these various departments. Following this recommendation, the Council voted in favor of making the managerships of Basketball and Hockey Senior offices. Assistant managers in these departments will be elected in the spring, and the present managers will continue in office next year. As a result of this action, the immediate election of an Assistant Manager of the Intramural Department will be necessary, as will the competition of the candidates from 1923 for the position of the next Assistant Manager.

Favors More Basketball Games

After considerable discussion the Council voted in favor of increasing the basketball schedule to twelve games. It was decided to hold a college dinner on March 29, preliminary to the Intercollegiate Debate on that evening.

—Rev. Alfred R. Ehrman, '97, formerly of West Orange, N. J., may now be addressed at 480 Clifton Ave., Newark, N. J.

Letters to Great Men

By Skenandoa, Jr.

TO COACH PRETTYMAN

Track Coach

Dear COACH,
Do you REMEMBER
That I said to you ONCE,
I want a place on your TRACK team;
And YOU said,
Come and get IT.
I am TRYING, but I
Don't get the PRAISE I Deserve.
So I ask you, COACH,
To LOOK at my FORM
A little CLOSER tomorrow.
It's GOOD, but I
Don't get the PRAISE I Deserve.
When I TAKE A START
I GRUNT so you will hear me,
BUT you say
Move your FEET
FASTER!
And I TRY,
BUT the other FELLOW
Moves his FEET
FASTER.
And Coach—
Why do you PICK
On a FELLOW
With lots of WIND
To LEAD a group
WHENEVER I am ALL IN
from RUNNING?
You LOOK AT ME
And I FEEL
DISCOURAGED.
I don't get the PRAISE I deserve.
I feel like QUITTING;
But I REMEMBER
That I RAN in H. S.
And then I feel BETTER
And THINK
I can move my FEET
FASTER, perhaps.

FINE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 1920 CLASS

Many Fellowships, Scholarships, and Business Positions Offered to Graduates.

FOREIGN SALESMEN WANTED

The following fellowships and scholarships have been reported to the President's Office of Hamilton College as being open to the members of this year's graduating class:

The American-Scandinavian Foundations offer ten fellowships of $1,000 each for Denmark, ten fellowships of $1,000 each for Norway, and ten fellowships of $1,000 each for Sweden. Practically any subject may be studied in Denmark or Norway. The fellowships in Sweden are limited to applied sciences only.

Fellowships in International Law are offered by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Five at a thousand dollars each for teachers with experience in International Law, five at $750 each for graduates without experience in teaching.

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The National Research Fellowships in Physics and Chemistry, which are supported by the Rockefeller Foundation.

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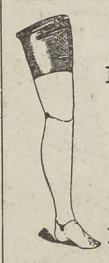
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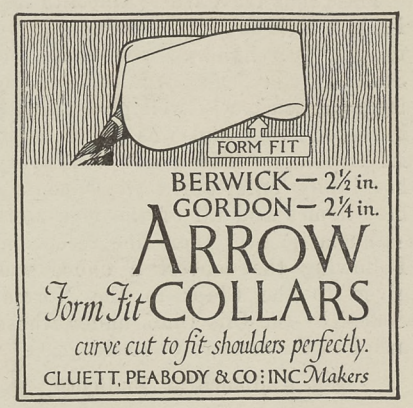

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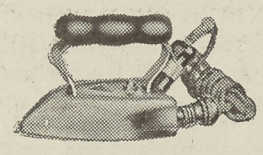

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RAYMOND GAPP, '21.

We Need More Writers

A few days ago, one of the professors in his classroom deplored the fact that there is not at present in this college any such concerted effort to secure good undergraduate writing as there has been in years past. He mentioned the fact that the college generation previous to 1910 boasted enough excellent writers to make the Hamilton Literary Magazine for those years a noteworthy production. He declared that "there are many good writers in college at present, and the present publications of the College ought to be in every way as good as those of former years, if not considerably better."

This criticism of our present literary status is true. We may well believe that we have a number of good writers among the present undergraduates, but we do not believe that all of them are writing for our college publications. We need to unite our forces. The Hamilton Literary Magazine, **Hamilton Life**, and the Press Board furnish ample room for all the ability we can muster. It would bring no small credit to Hamilton if we could produce publications which would compare as favorably with those of other colleges as our general scholarship rating compares with that of the other institutions of the country.

Let's get together during the rest of this year and produce publications that will be a source of pride to ourselves and to the College. If every man in this College who is interested in writing will contribute his best work, it can be done. R. G.

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Help Get Sub-Freshmen

Sub-Freshman Day, when Hamilton College entertains the high school men of this and neighboring states, is only about six weeks away. The Field Representative of the College has announced that there will be a larger number of visiting high school men on the Hill for that day than ever before. But this is no hindrance to getting more good men.

It is our avowed purpose to secure for Hamilton's entering class next fall the largest and finest body of men that ever came on the Hill. This cannot be done without the active co-operation of the undergraduates. The efforts of the men in college to secure new Freshmen are worth more than all the literature ever printed. Invitations by word of mouth always add to the cordiality of written invitations, no matter how cordial the latter may be. Personal publicity for Hamilton College in every undergraduate's home town will do considerable good.

Interest the Sub-Freshmen whom you know in Hamilton's life and activities. Try to get them to come on the Hill for Sub-Freshman Day. It is only by getting the largest and best body of Sub-Freshmen possible interested in Hamilton, that we can get a record-breaking Freshman Class for next fall. R. G.

COLLEGE DINNER MONDAY

A college dinner will be held in Soper Commons Monday evening, March 29, as a preliminary to the Intercollegiate Debate on that evening.

PSI U'S ENTERTAIN

The Psi of Psi Upsilon entertained the members of the faculty and the two upper classes at a smoker last evening. Amateur dramatics furnished entertainment. Refreshments were served, and the evening proved very enjoyable to all.

K. P. APPOINTEES NAMED

Faculty Approves Oration Topics—Clark Prize Contest May be Feature of Commencement.

The six successful appointees to the K. P. exhibition were announced last Friday morning in Chapel. The six Seniors with their oration topics are: "The Passing of Sovereignty," by Irving McNeil Ives, of Bainbridge; "Athens or Carthage—Which Shall Guide Us?" by Richard Wagner Kaiser, of New Rochelle; "Paderewski—Artist and Statesman," by James Kenneth Morrow, of Walton; "The Nation's Debt to Roosevelt," by Richmond Hobson Ritterbush, of Dunellen, N. J.; "Paderewski—Artist and Statesman," by Theodore Sheldon Turner, of Seattle, Wash.; "The Nation's Debt to Roosevelt," by Stuart Sterry Wheeler, of Endicott. The selection of these men was made at a faculty meeting last Thursday afternoon.

The date set for the exhibition is that of Wednesday, May 26, at 8 p. m. This date may be changed to Commencement Week, for two or three alumni petitions have been received favoring such a postponement. In that case the Clark Prize contest might be held in the College Church.

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If you've never seen him run,
Stick around and see the fun;
It's a sight worth seeing, you'll agree.
Though his speed may him obscure,
He's a flying dutchman sure,
And well deserves his chapel pedigree.

It is rumored that the College will provide snowshoes for the visitors on the Hill at Commencement. How about Sub-Freshman Day?

Things We Don't Like

Dogs at morning chapel.
Bumps on the Hill.
The dink list.
Our amateur Anarchists.
Snowstorms.

Notice! The Y. M. C. A. will hold a community sing for the college dogs every morning this week.

Another Notice! The library has placed on the reading table the latest edition of Dogdom. We are realizing the possibilities of Hamilton College.

Bill: "Have you ever done any Public Speaking?"

Riggs: "I once proposed to a girl in my home town over the telephone."

"What part do I take?" asked Barry.

"You are to be the heroine's father," said Prof. Fancher.

"What does he do, sir?"

"He dies ten years before the curtain rises."

Supe (noting a hurt look on Ballot's face: "Ballot, what was that sapient remark you made?"

Ballot: "I never make any such remarks."

ALUMNI NOTES

—Earl H. Clum, '18, has accepted a position as principal of the Freeport, L. I., High School for next year.

—Robert B. Peck, '07, had an article in February's Outing Magazine, on Camping in the North Woods.

—Burt Hawks, '18, is now at Old Forge, N. Y., recovering from an illness. Hawks intends to enter Yale next fall for a course in Forestry.

—Edward H. Wells, who received the degree of L.L. B. in 1878 from the Hamilton Law School, recently died at his home, 119 Delaware Avenue, Albany, N. Y. Mr. Wells, who at one time was a well known lawyer of Utica, formerly lived at 31 Summit Place in that city.

—John G. Erhardt, '15, was marreid February 21 to Miss Eleanor T. Davis of Coram, L. I., at the home of the bride. While he attended Hamilton, Erhardt was the captain of baseball, a member of Pentagon, and a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity. The bride is the sister of Homer W. Davis, '16. Erhardt has received a diplomatic appointment to Greece, and will soon leave for that country with his bride.

—Rev. Thomas Turnbull, '84, died at his home in Pomeroy, Ohio, February 28, 1920. Mr. Turnbull was born August 29, 1852, graduating from Hamilton College and Lane Theological Seminary. Immediately following his graduation from the latter institution he received a call to the Presbyterian Church at Pomeroy, where he spent several years. For fifteen years he was Seated Clerk of the Athens Presbytery, leaving this to go into newspaper work for four years. He was State Supply of New York State and later pastor of the North Springfield Presbyterian Church of Akron, Ohio. He resigned this position in December, 1917, when he retired and lived with his family at Pomeroy until his recent death.

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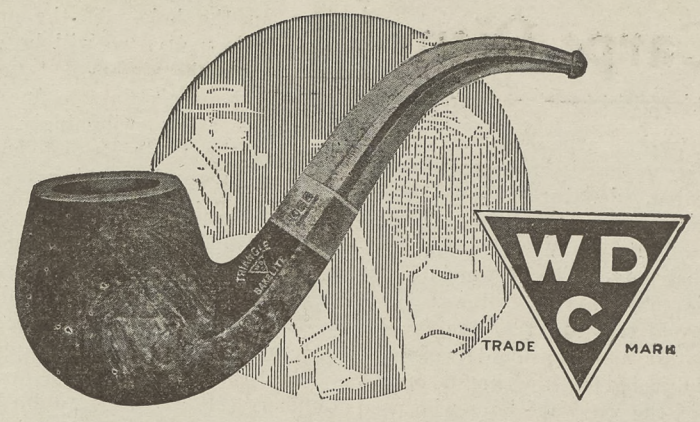

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Carpe Diem

This week, Carpe Diem is pleased to announce that it has been purified, expurgated, denatured, dry-cleaned, and fumigated by the Board of Spot-lifting of Utopia, Mrs. Horrors Beller, Chairlady. The revised Carpe Diem is submitted as follows:

How odd it seems that the faculty of our fair college should ever have been subjected to the harsh opprobrium of the wayward boys who used to walk so indelicately over the lovely white snow of our campus. We have positive proof that our dear instructors were very much hurt by the opinions sometimes rudely printed in this very column. But now everyone admits that the faculty is darling and that Cal is one of the nicest men we know.

It gives us pain to publish a very reprehensible occurrence which transpired a few days ago. But Carpe Diem must mingle the bitter with the sweet. In Doctor Murphy's class last Thursday, Harry Coupe whispered a dreadful word into Paul Coonradt's ear. Paul was, of course, shocked and grieved, and unfortunately the word reached the ears of our beloved professor, who blushed scarlet and suspended his lecture for several poignant seconds, while Harry, deeply mortified, tiptoed to a corner, and stood with his face to the wall, Zip Griffith regarding him with gentle disapprobation.

Rough Play in Wrestling Class

They say that Monty White is a little rough in gym class these days. It is hinted that he placed Dick Fowler right on the nasty floor during the aesthetic wrestling class, and that Kelly was obliged to stand him on his head to let the vanity run out. Remember, Monty, what the dreadful goblins do to those who are rough with their little playmates.

The D. U.'s are becoming such a sweet fraternity! They have tooth-brush drill each morning, and my, such a happy, healthy row of shining faces appears at Mrs. King's of a mealtime! Such a motherly soul is Mrs. King—and how it pained her when that naughty Elbert Lanrowitz said a swear-word at Watson Thompson in Commons. Watson couldn't eat after that until Mrs. King wiped the tears from his little Celtic nose, and gave him a delicious hot cookie.

We visited the Chi Psi's the other day, and were charmed by Brother Pickard, who greeted with a cheery word, in spite of the inclement weather. The victrola was played softly, and Necco wafers were served.

Isn't the Deke House heavenly! So like an ancient mansion. Who knows what sweet romances may have been enacted behind those luscious chocolate-colored clapboards! This quaint house is so much pleasanter than the garish Sig Hall, but the Sigs offer one really cherubic violet Sigarettes.

Hamilton Wins Marble Contest

The Buff and Blue won the marble contest Saturday by a single white alley. Of course, we are glad to accord a victory to ourselves, but we think the opposing team should have won because Captain Cowan did not state which marble he intended to knock out of the ring, in spite of the fact that the opposing captain had cried "Dubs." Rumor also has it that he did not shoot with his knuckle down in the hole. If the opposing team feels badly, we will be glad to grant them the victory.

Dicky Kaiser's class in fine sewing is coming along swimmingly. He is teaching the Theta Delts to make all sorts of lovely, lacy things.

Psi U's Entertain

The Psi U's gave a smoker to the upperclassmen of the Hill last night. The juniors and seniors probably had a delightful romp, and were put to bed tired out, but, oh, so happy!

The Prim Priscilla Maids are at the Lumberg this week. Dr. John E Holler, who saw the show, says that there is nothing which will in any way outrage the decency of the most sensitive Hamilton man.

New Books by Hamilton Men

The following new books by Hamilton men have recently appeared:

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HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR BASEBALL

Buff and Blue Team Will Play Ten Games, Including Contests With Syracuse and Colgate.

SEASON ENDS MAY 31

The completed baseball schedule for this spring, as prepared by Manager Chadeayne, has been announced. The Buff and Blue nine has an unusually hard season ahead of it, but the team is practicing in the Gym every day and the chances seem bright for a successful year. The season begins May 1, when Hamilton will meet Rochester on the Yellow and Black's diamond. Last year the Buff and Blue scored two victories over Rochester and the Kodak City aggregation is determined to turn the tables this Spring.

On May 5 Captain Johnson and his warriors will face the strong Syracuse team. Only one of the two games scheduled with the Orange last year was played, due to rain, and that one only for seven innings. However, victory rested with the Syracusans by the score of 1 to 0. Baumler had the Orange batsmen at his mercy and with "Hank" on the mound again this year, the Buff and Blue should come out at the long end of the score.

St. Lawrence Game May 8

May 8 sees the St. Lawrence team here for the first time in two years. In 1918 the northerners won a close, hard fought game through the star pitching of Goldsmith, who had Hamilton men fanning the air throughout the entire game. Rumor has it that this same Goldsmith has received an offer from one of the major league teams. He will probably try to duplicate his feat of two years ago and after the "Little Giant's" team gets through with him, the major league manager may decide to cancel his offer.

Union Has Strong Pitchers

The team meets Syracuse for a return game May 11 and on the fifteenth will play Union on the Hill. The Garnet has an exceptionally strong pitching staff this year. Goff, who will probably do most of the tossing for the Schenectady team this year, is rated high among collegiate twirlers. The Buff and Blue broke even with the Garnet last season, winning the first contest at Clinton, but dropping the second game at Schenectady.

Colgate will invade the Hill May 19 eager to duplicate the victories which it scored last year over the Buff and Blue. Hamilton lost the first game with the Maroon after a hard fight, but the second contest was an easy victory for Colgate. All of the team remember that Commencement game and intend to get their revenge this year by sending the visitors home defeated.

R. P. I. Team Formidable

May 22, Rochester will play a return game on the Hill and on the following Wednesday the Hamilton nine will meet the Colgate team at Hamilton for the second time in the season. May 29 the team journeys to Troy, where it will meet the R. P. I nine. R. P. I. is especially powerful this year in its pitchers and hopes to have a very successful season. Last year Hamilton lost to the Engineers through many errors in the early part of the game. This year it intends to wipe out the defeat and also send one or more of the Red and Black's star twirlers to the bench.

The season closes May 31, when a return game is played with Union at Schenectady. This will be a Union-Hamilton day in both track and baseball and the baseball team intends to make it all Hamilton so far as it is concerned.

NEXT MYERS LECTURE ON DANTE AND ST. FRANCIS

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The fourth and last of the series of Meyers lectures for this season will be given in the Chapel April twenty-third. Professor Raffaello Piccoli, D. Litt., of the University of Padua, Italy, will lecture on the subject of "Dante and St. Francis."

Since the declaration of the armistice Professor Piccoli has been in the United States as a representative of the Minister of Public Instruction of Italy. Upon his arrival in this country Professor Piccoli became a part of the regular teaching staff of Smith College for the year 1919-1920. His desire to contribute to a thorough understanding by Americans of Italian methods, problems, and conditions has led him to conduct numerous lectures in various parts of the United States. Besides his lecture work he has conferred with many informal seminar and faculty groups on Italian studies.

Was Lecturer at Cambridge

Before the war, Professor Piccoli was Lecturer in Italian to the University of Cambridge, England. During the war he served as an officer in the 1st Regiment, Grenadiers of Sardinia. After the armistice he was appointed Professor of English Literature at the University of Pisa. Professor Piccoli is the author of a considerable number of publications on Italian and English literature. He is also foreign correspondent to the Royal Society of Literature of England.

President Neilson of Smith College writes: "Professor Piccoli has surpassed all our hopes and expectations. He is a brilliant scholar and an extremely interesting lecturer, and I can think of no representative of a foreign country more fitted to enlighten our people about their point of view and to establish friendly relations."

Rev. George W. Walker, '14, has become assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Albany, N. Y.

—Rev. Inman L. Wilcox, Ph.D., '86, has resigned as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Oxford, N. Y., after ten years of highly successful work. He begins work in his new field, the First Congregational Church of Franklin, Mass., on March 7.

LECTURES ON COWBOY SONGS

Professor Lomax's Talk on Cowboy Ballads Proves Highly Instructive and Entertaining.

THE SONGS OF LONELY MEN

The third of this year's series of Myers lectures was given last Wednesday evening in the College Chapel by Prof. John Avery Lomax. His subject was "The Songs of the Cowboy." Prof. Lomax is an authority on the American ballad, and has been twice President of the American Folklore Society. Dr. Saunders introduced Prof. Lomax, briefly sketched his career, and vouched for his ability to speak authoritatively on the subject of American ballads.

"Whenever a body of men are living in a lonely spot, isolated and cut off from the rest of the world, they naturally turn to themselves for amusement, and the most natural source of entertainment which they possess is song," said Professor Lomax. "These songs have been handed down almost entirely by word of mouth, for until my recent volume of ballads, there has been practically no written record of them. They have been handed down from father to son and have been circulated through the most widely separated sections by the roving of the cowboys. Some originated during the long watches of the night, when the cowboys sang to the restless cattle to quiet them. Others had their source in long marches, when the cowboy was urging on the 'dogies', or runt yearlings, which are always at the tail of the procession."

Gives Examples of Songs

The speaker quoted from a large collection of cowboy songs which he said depicted the life of the West in all its phases. His songs and stories illustrated the picturesque life of our western plains, each song being typical of the reckless and lonesome life of a cowboy. The songs and stories were humorous and appealing. "The origin of these songs was directly due to the social condition of the West," said Prof. Lomax. "The songs reflect the cowboy's religion, his wanderlust, love of romance, his idea of death, which always seemed very close to him, and his opinion of the everyday things of life." The cowboy yodel made an especial appeal to the audience. Its weird, novel sound was very pleasing to the ear.

Prof. Lomax invited the audience to sing a few of the more common songs, and the choruses were sung with much spirit. Prof. Lomax had a pleasing, winning, and interesting manner and he met with instant approval.

The odd tales of adventure were tinged with romance, humor, and pathos, and the cowboy's views on life were extremely interesting and well told by Prof. Lomax. The lecture was highly entertaining, and the audience showed intense interest from beginning to end. The speaker urged the College to make a thorough study of American ballads and said that the cowboy has done more to perpetuate these American ballads than anyone else.

After being called back to the platform by repeated applause, the speaker read a ballad which he had found in several different parts of the country, concering the Erie Canal. He closed his talk with a request that the students would send to him any ballads or parts of ballads which they might find.

PRIZE SPEAKING SCHEDULE COMPLETED

Four New Dates Announced, Making Eight Preliminary Contests—Many Schools Represented.

FINAL CONTEST MAY 8

Four new dates for preliminary speaking contests were announced last week. They are Buffalo, April 8th; Binghamton and Ms. Vernon, April 23rd, and Hudson, April 28th.

The contest at Buffalo, which is under the charge of Newell H. Timerman, '18, will include representatives of eleven schools. Among these are Hutchinson High, Central High, and Lafayette High of Buffalo, Mastern Park High School of the same place, and Niagara Falls High, Jamestown High, and Tonawanda High School.

The Binghamton tryouts, directed by Superintendent H. H. Crumb, '05, of Endicott, will have ten speakers. Besides Binghamton Central High School and Endicott High, contestants are entered from Elmira, Norwich, Whitney Point, and Wilkesbarre, Pa.

At Mount Vernon, managed by Principal A. B. Davis, '78, will be heard orators from Blair Academy, Plainfield, N. J.; Mt. Vernon, Elmhurst, and five Brooklyn High Schools, including Erasmus and Boys' High.

The preliminaries at Hudson have been placed under the supervision of Superintendent Charles S. Williams, who, though not a Hamilton alumnus, has kindly volunteered his services. Nine schools have already signified their intention to participate in this contest. Some of the larger ones are Albany High, Kingston, Hudson, and Holyoke (Mass.) High School.

These four contests, together with the four announced in the last issue of **Life**, at Rome, April 16th; Utica and New Rochelle, April 23rd, and Canandaigua, April 30th, will constitute the eight preliminary contests. The winners of them will appear on the Chapel stage in the final contest, on the morning of May 8th.

COLLEGE NOTES

Pres. Frederick C. Ferry spent Monday and Tuesday of last week in New York City, where he attended the Interchurch World Conference.

The Collegiate World, a new intercollegiate magazine which is now being sold at the Book Store, has in its last issue several articles about Hamilton and a few jokes reprinted from "Spice." Among the news reprinted from **Life** are some notes about the performances of The Charlatans, the Hamilton interscholastic public speaking contest, in which over seventy schools are taking part, the triangular debates with Union, Lafayette, Rutgers, and Wesleyan, and the plans for the 1921 Hamiltonian.